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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/904,344	STROBEL ET AL.	
	Examiner King Y. Poon	Art Unit 2624	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-24,30-43 and 45-56 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 26-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 25,44 and 57 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 July 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2-9</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Applicant should provide serial number or Patent number for related applications.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 25, 44, and 57 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 25: Claim 25 depends on claim 1. Claim 1 is claiming sending said encrypted document from the data center to the destination device. Claim 25 is claiming sending said encrypted document from the data center to the mobile device. Obviously, the encrypted document sent to the mobile device cannot be the encrypted document sent to the destination device, because the mobile device is not the destination device. In order to avoid confusion, claim 25 could change to, for example, "sending a copy of said encrypted document from said data center to said mobile device; and sending said copy of said encrypted document..." Appropriate correction is required.

Regarding claim 44: Claim 44 depends on claim 30. Claim 30 is claiming data center sending the encrypted document to the destination device. Claim 44 is claiming data center sending the encrypted document to the mobile device. Obviously, the encrypted document sent to the mobile device cannot be the encrypted document sent

to the destination device, because the mobile device is not the destination device. In order to avoid confusion, claim 44 could change to, for example, "wherein said data center sends a copy of said encrypted document to said mobile device with key, and said mobile device sends said copy of said encrypted document..." Appropriate correction is required.

Regarding claim 57: Claim 57 depends on claim 45. Claim 45 is claiming data center sending the encrypted document to the destination device. Claim 57 is claiming data center sending the encrypted document to the mobile device. Obviously, the encrypted document sent to the mobile device cannot be the encrypted document sent to the destination device, because the mobile device is not the destination device. In order to avoid confusion, claim 44 could change to, for example, "wherein said data center sends a copy of said encrypted document to said mobile device with key, and said mobile device sends said copy of said encrypted document..." Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 26: Line 18 recites the limitations of "decrypting said encrypted document using said key." It is unclear whether "said encrypted document" is referring to the "encrypted document" of line 11, or the "encrypted document" that is being sent to the facsimile machine" of line 12.

It is unclear whether "said key" of line 18 is referring to the "key" that is being sent to the mobile device or the "key" that has not been sent to the mobile device.

Regarding claims 27-29: Claims 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph because they depend on rejected claims 26.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-24, 30-43, 45-56 are allowed.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to King Y. Poon whose telephone number is (703) 305-0892.

7/12/04

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "King Y. Poon".